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SUBJECT: KUWAITI AND RESIDENT PALESTINIAN REACTION TO LIKUD
VICTORY

1. OFFICIAL GOK REACTION TO LIKUD VICTORY IN ISRAEL HAS BEEN
CONFINED TO BRIEF STATEMENT BY MINISTER FOR CABINET AFFAIRS
HUSSEIN IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTION. HUSSEIN REPORTEDLY
STATED THAT THE LIKUD VICTORY WOULD NOT AFFECT MIDDLE EAST
EVENTS BECAUSE "ALL ISRAELIS ARE ZIONISTS" ANYWAY. ONE
NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT LATER IN SAME STATEMENT HUSSEIN SAID
HE THOUGHT THAT PROGRESS TOWARD SETTLEMENT IN THE REGION
WOULD BE RETARDED WITH LIKUD GOVERNING ISRAEL. MOST LOCAL
PRESS OPINION WAS ALONG THE SAME LINE BUT WENT FURTHER,
WITH MOST EDITORIAL WRITERS OPINING THAT THE CHANCES FOR
RENEWED WAR ARE BETTER NOW THAN DURING THE RABIN GOVERNMENT.
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2. KUWAIT'S LEADING RESIDENT PALESTINIAN POLITICIAN HAS
SPOKEN OUT AGAINST LIKUD ALSO. THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL
VICE PRESIDENT (FATAH REP IN GULF) SALIM ZANUN REPORTEDLY
TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE LIKUD VICTORY WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT,
AND THAT WAR WAS NOW MORE LIKELY. ZANUN CALLED ON ARAB
STATES TO ALLOW THE FEDAYEEN "FULL FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT" AND

TO ALLOW "ANYONE WHO WANTS TO FIGHT IN PALESTINE THE
RIGHT TO JOIN THE FEDAYEEN RANKS."
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